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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SERIAL NO: 10/550,731 :

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FOR: DATA ENCODING APPARATUS, DATA ENCODING METHOD, DATA OUTPUT APPARATUS, DATA OUTPUT METHOD, SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEM, SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD, DATA DECODING APPARATUS, AND DATA DECODING METHOD

ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 22, 2010, Applicant elects without traverse Species I, Figures 7 and 27, and lists Claims 1-9, 11-12, 14-17, 39-42, 46-47, 57-69, 73-80, 87-94, 98-99, 102, and 105-106, as readable thereon. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

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Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-9, 11-12, 14-17, 39-42, 46-47, 57-69, 73-80, 87-94, 98-99, 102, and 105-106 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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